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### Fifty-two Candidates in Race for Municipal Seats Sent Code of Fair Campaign Practices. Forty-one Signed and Returned.

Several weeks ago those candidates who are seeking public office in the May Municipal Elections were sent the following Code of Fair Campaign Practices by the Mayor's Commission.

*There are basic principles of decency, honesty and fair play which every candidate for public office in the United States has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues before the Country.*

#### THEREFORE:

I SHALL CONDUCT my campaign in the best American tradition, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or favor the record and policies of my opponent and his party which merit such criticism.

I SHALL DEFEND AND UPHOLD the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I SHALL CONDEMN the use of personal vilification, character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family life.

I SHALL CONDEMN the use of campaign material of any sort which misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts regarding any candidate, as well as the use of malicious or unfounded accusations against any candidate which aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to his loyalty and patriotism.

I SHALL CONDEMN any appeal to prejudice based on race, creed, or national origin.

I SHALL CONDEMN any dishonest or unethical practice which tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections or which hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

I SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REPUDIATE support deriving from any individual or group which resorts, on behalf of my candidate or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics which I condemn.

*I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the United States of America, hereby endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaigns in accordance with the above principles and practices, so help me God.*

An Honor Roll of those candidates who signed the Pledge will be on display in the rotunda in City Hall. Alexander Mark, Chairman of the Commission,

said: "It will be the task of the Commission to see to it that the Code is enforced."

The following candidates have signed and returned the Pledge: Candidates for Mayor—Hon. Hugh J. Addonizio, Mayor Leo P. Carlin, and Herbert J. Weiner.

Candidates for the North Ward—Mrs. Cabiria P. Accarino, Oscar Gerard, Richard H. Iacobucci, and Hon. Joseph V. Miello.

Candidates for the South Ward—Lee Bernstein, Hon. Sophie Cooper, Rev. Claude C. Kilgore, Julius P. Minnskin, Robert L. Ruben, and Stanley B. Winters.

Candidates for the Central Ward—Prosper Brewer, and Nonh Marshall.

Candidates for the East Ward—Andrew A. Di Bella, Hon. Philip E. Gordon, and Sam B. G. Navitsky.

Candidates for the West Ward—Hon. Frank Addonizio, Arthur Gamba, Clyde V. Kuenmerle, Edward B. Leonard, Harry A. McEnroe, Jr., Harry Lombardi, and George Reilly.

Candidates At-Large—John T. Barnes, Hon. John A. Brady, Hon. James T. Callaghan, Michael J. Coppola, John D. Doyle, Hon. Anthony Giuliano, Dr. Clarence O. Hilton, Martin J. Loftus, Joseph D. Maher, Jr., Frank C. Marmo, Theodore W. Maselko, Mrs. Rebecca Neal Owens, William D. Payne, John J. Salvato, Jack Trugman, and Hon. Ralph A. Villani.

## EDITORIAL

Just recently the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions published a report called—"Cybernation: The Silent Conquest." The dictionary defines cybernetics as "a science dealing with the comparative study of complex electronic calculating machines and the human nervous system in an attempt to explain the nature of the brain."

Through cybernetics, scientists are able to make complicated machines which perform thinking and manual tasks which humans can not possibly perform. This is especially true in the field of atomic energy and mass production. This science is creating a great deal of unrest in our economic and social systems. Through cybernetics, science and industry have teamed up to offer to the consumer faster, safer and better products and in less time. It is saving money for the consumer and the producer; it is shortening the work week and enabling more Americans and Europeans to raise their standards of living.

But cybernation is and will cause social havoc if something isn't done soon. How will it cause havoc? First of all, many unskilled and semi-skilled jobs will be eliminated and those individuals who now fill these positions will be unemployed. If they are not of the temperament or ability to accept retraining (or if retraining is not available) these people will present social and economic problems. They will be seeking financial aid at the expense of the taxpayers. Since most of these unskilled and semi-skilled positions are filled by Negroes, Puerto Ricans and other minority groups of color, the problem begins to take on a wider scope. The dark races face discrimination in skilled and professional positions today and we can only imagine their plight under cybernation.

Something must be done. A report in the March 12, 1962 issue of the New York Times points to the fact that vocational training for jobs in our schools is obsolete. Our schools have not kept abreast with the changing times. "The future resides in the present," is never more true than at this moment. The younger generation is looking to the adults for leadership in all areas and adults must see that

the youngsters are properly educated. Our schools are not totally to blame. Industry and government have not adequately done their share in preparing our social system for the impact of technology. We cannot turn our back to changes that have taken place. Cybernetics is here to stay. Learning to live with this new science must become a full-time job and must have the same importance as learning to live with our neighbors.

## GEORGE F. PFAUS

Mr. George F. Pfaus has been named as the new director of the State Division on Civil Rights. A former president of the Urban League of Essex County, Mr. Pfaus has an outstanding



*Director of State Division on Civil Rights*

record as a civil rights advocate and liberal as well as a labor specialist and editor.

Governor Richard J. Hughes and Commissioner of Education, Frederick R. Raubinger announced the appointment of Mr. Pfaus earlier this month. Governor Hughes said that the Division on Civil Rights would be transferred from the State Department of Education to the office of the Attorney General, the Division of Law and Public Safety.

A graduate of Rutgers University, Pfaus began his career as an educator, teaching mathematics in the Mount Holly High School, and later at the Baptist Seminary in East Orange.

When World War II began, Pfaus was appointed New Jersey representative of the Office of Labor Production, War Production Board, and subsequently became area director of the War Manpower Commission. After the war, he was named New Jersey director of the U. S. Employment Service, serving until the agency was returned to state jurisdiction.

Pfaus also served as executive secretary of the Newark Citizens Committee on Municipal Government which spearheaded the campaign for Newark's new city charter in 1953.

His other activities included, district director of the War Assets Administration, and services for both the American Arbitration Association and the State Mediation Board.

He and his wife, the former Jacqueline Ruseh of Montclair and Milwaukee, a music teacher, and their son, James George, live in Hopewell.

NEWARK TO TRY  
OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Newark Board of Education has approved a plan which could possibly begin to end the racial problem in the city's public schools. Under the plan students who attend schools in areas that are predominately Negro have the option of transferring to schools that are less crowded and where there is more of an ethnic balance if there are facilities.

The plan, which will go into effect the 1962-63 school year, will affect the elementary school age youngsters more than the high school students in that all of the city high schools are crowded.

Paul B. Zuber, attorney for a group of Negro parents who filed a Federal Court suit charging racial segregation in the Newark schools, said the suit would be dropped.

The plan was described by the school board as a "voluntary option pupil transfer program (which offered an) opportunity for pupils in schools with an unduly high ethnic concentration to transfer to under-utilized schools with a better ethnic balance."

Transportation for students who transfer will be provided by their parents.

## Baretski and Herr Receive Brotherhood Awards

The Mayor's Commission on Group Relations held its Second Annual Brotherhood Awards Program in the City Council Chambers recently. The recipients of this year's awards were Charles Allan Baretski, Ph.D. and Mr. Julius Herr.

Dr. Baretski, a librarian at the Van Buren Branch of the Newark Library was chosen because of his interest in and work with all ethnic groups in the Ironbound section of Newark.

Mr. Herr, a music lover and record collector for over forty years, was honored for promoting cultural development and enjoyment to others irrespective of ethnic background, through his records and at his own expense. Although Mr. Herr was hospitalized at the time of the presentation, the staff of the Mayor's Commission awarded him his plaque at Beth Israel Hospital.

The Brotherhood Awards are awarded each year by the Mayor's Commission to the ordinary citizen who promotes brotherhood in extraordinary ways.



*Charles J. Hages, Field Worker and Research Assistant and Miss Ivory Hutchins, Assistant Executive Director, present plaque to Julius Herr in Beth Israel Hospital.*

our democracy and to save the nation; (2) to believe in the worth and dignity of all human beings; and (3) to build the beloved community that will practice what it preaches.

"We are not concerned about the rights of Negroes and other minority groups only, but we are concerned about the entire nation." During a recent trip to Africa, Dr. Abernathy said he was asked most often the question of how the civil rights fight was progressing in the United States. "I told them that within the next 10 years we will have won the battle legally, if not desegregation itself." The question that almost invariably followed he said was, "Do you think the world will give America 10 years?"

"Americans must believe in the worth and dignity of all human personality. It is unfortunate that a movement has developed that advocates black supremacy. This is as bad as white supremacy," stated the speaker.

"While science and technology have made the world a neighborhood, the churches have failed to make it a brotherhood . . . the most segregated school in the United States today is the Sunday school," Rev. Abernathy said.

Mr. William T. Conway of the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations, is the President of the New Jersey Fair Practices Council of the UAW.

## U.A.W. Hold Annual Conference

Recently, Region No. 9 of the United Auto Workers sponsored its annual Fair Practices and Civil Rights Conference in cooperation with the International Union's Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department and the New Jersey Fair Practices Council, at the Hotel Essex House.

The morning session of the second day of the Conference was devoted to workshops after presentations by the Honorable Senator Wayne Dumont, Jr.; the Honorable Assemblyman George J. Richardson; and the Honorable Assemblyman Richard A. Lynch. The workshops dealt with Segregation in the schools (Northern style); UAW's anti-bias Contract Clauses; and Housing.

The Rev. Dr. Ralph Abernathy, a leader in the fight against discrimination in the South, was the guest speaker of the day.

There are three goals that we in America should strive for, according to Rev. Abernathy: (1) to preserve

## Bamberger's Honors Conway and Mark

Alexander Mark, Chairman of the Mayor's Commission and William T. Conway, a Commission member, have been chosen to have their portraits in Bamberger's Gallery of Distinguished Citizens.

Initiated a year ago by Bamberger and Company, one of Newark's leading department stores, the purpose of the Gallery is to pay honor to those citizens who give of themselves freely as public servants throughout the county.

Mr. Mark, a Commissioner since 1954, is training supervisor for the Newark Post Office. He is also president of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Training Directors. Mr. Conway, a recent appointee to the Mayor's Commission, has had much experience in the field of civil rights and has contributed much to the field. He is employed at Federated Metals.

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## Puerto Rican Council Sponsors Forum

At a recent forum on Civil Rights, Education, and Housing, sponsored by the Greater Newark Council of Puerto Rican Organizations, more than fifty leaders of the Puerto Rican community were told of facilities that are available on the local and state level.

Participating in the panel discussion were Rev. Thomas W. Heck, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Parish; Morris Fuchs, president of the Newark Board of Education; Luis Rivera, international representative of the International Union of Electrical Workers; attorney Albert Poll, assistant to the county counsel; Julius Seaman, Jr., Head of the New Jersey Housing Authority; and Miss Hilda Hidalgo, a district advisor of the Greater Essex Girl Scout Council. The Moderator was Jose Rosario, President of the Greater Newark Council of Puerto Rican Organizations.

Father Heck told of the work his parish is doing to aid Spanish-speaking people. According to Father Heck there are six churches in Newark which hold mass in Spanish and there are nine Spanish-speaking priests.

Mr. Fuchs said there are special educational facilities available in the Newark school system for Puerto Rican children and adults. He stressed the importance of the Puerto Ricans learning English.

Mr. Poll explained to the audience the civil rights guaranteed by the Constitution to all citizens. Mr. Seaman pointed out the efforts of the state, counties and municipalities to provide low rent housing and the necessary qualifications for occupancy.

Mr. Rivera suggested that more Puerto Ricans become involved in union activities and learn as much as they can about unions so they will not be taken advantage of by the employer or the union. He also encouraged the

Puerto Ricans to attend evening classes in order to improve their skills. Miss Hidalgo urged the Puerto Ricans to help themselves first by becoming familiar with American customs and helping to improve the public image of the Puerto Rican by taking an active part in community affairs.

## Applications Accepted for Human Relations Workshops

Once again the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations is accepting applications for the annual summer human relations workshops which will be held at the Rutgers University Campus.

This summer for the third time, a three-week workshop in Human Relations for Professional Educators is being offered in the Graduate School of Education, Rutgers. The specific purpose of this workshop is to provide an intensive experience for teachers in two areas: helping students (1) to think more critically and (2) to clarify their personal values. Special emphasis will be placed on problems of students who have low aspiration levels.

The workshop is all day for three weeks, July 3 to 21, 1962, at the Main Rutgers Campus in New Brunswick. The workshop may be taken for three graduate or undergraduate credits. The cost is \$13.50 per credit hour.

For the past twelve years, the Graduate School of Education, in cooperation with the Division on Civil Rights, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and other civil rights agencies throughout New Jersey, has sponsored two one-week workshops in Human Relations. These workshops are designed to give the participants practical experience in intergroup relations. This year the Department of Sociology, Rutgers University, will be the sponsor.

The workshops are conducted on a live-in basis at the Douglass College Campus. The first workshop, "Community Leadership in Intergroup Re-

## Marietta Tree Speaks at YM-YWHA

The Hon. Marietta Tree, United States Delegate to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, will speak on Monday, May 14, 1962 at the Y.M. and Y.W.H.A., 255 Chancellor Ave., Newark, at 8:15 p.m. Her topic will be "Why the United States Needs the United Nations."

Co-sponsoring this meeting will be the American Association for the United Nations, American Jewish Congress, Hadassah, The Mayor's Commission on Group Relations, and the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association. A representative of each organization will indicate briefly its relationship with the United Nations.

lations," will take place from July 15, through July 21, 1962. "Modern Trends in Intergroup Relations," the second workshop, will be in session from July 22, through July 28, 1962. The cost will be \$63.00 each for room and instruction.

One graduate or one undergraduate credit will be given upon successful completion of the workshop for those who are interested. The Urban Studies Center will co-sponsor the workshop on "Modern Trends in Intergroup Relations." This workshop will be concerned with the human aspect of urban renewal.

As in the past, the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations has several scholarships available for residents of Newark who are interested.

For further information call Miss Hutchins at MI 3-6900, Ext. 281 or 282.

## Conway and Mark

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Division of American Smelting and Refining Co., and among many of his other union activities he is chairman of the Fair Practices Council of Local No. 143 UAW.

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